

by EEO counselors in all instances except for three which were processed through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The cost and time savings were significant with the avoidance of expenditures in connection with EEO investigations, hearings, transcripts, and staff time.

The program Department-wide thus far has focused on EEO and related personnel matters. Only MMS, among the bureaus, has concentrated on resolving conflicts with outside groups. The interim policy signed by the Secretary in June 1994, upon which the final policy is based, made clear that the program is to be broader based. The IDRC will continue to encourage other bureaus to adopt the MMS model for resolving conflicts with constituents, customers and outside groups.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved tribal-state compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation and the State of Washington, which was executed on June 9, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective August 2, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: July 26, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Indian Gaming, Walker River Paiute Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Slot Route Compact between the Walker River Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada, which was executed on March 25, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective August 2, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: July 26, 1996.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Analyzing the Impacts of a Proposed Public Land Exchange and an Associated Mining Plan of Operations for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Copper Ore Bodies near Safford, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Cooperating Agency: Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Safford District, in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze impacts of a proposed land exchange and the Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan copper ore bodies.

1. Identification of the geographic area involved: The proposed land exchange involve approximately 17,000 acres of public lands currently managed by the Safford District, Bureau of Land Management that are located near the city of Safford, Graham County, Arizona. The MPO addresses the development of the San Juan and Dos Pobres ore bodies and involves approximately 3,900 acres of public lands in the same area. The

approximately 5,000 acres of private lands offered for exchange are located in southern Arizona.

2. Analysis of alternatives: The Proposed Action is an exchange of Federal land for private land between the BLM and Phelps Dodge Corporation, Inc. The No Action alternative and alternatives that consider various combinations of selected and offered lands as well as various aspects of the MPO will be analyzed. COE will utilize the analysis presented in the EIS to decide whether or not to issue a Clean Water Act 404 permit to Phelps Dodge, Inc., for operation of the Dos Pobres/San Juan mining operation.

3. General types of issues anticipated: The proposed land exchange and MPO involves issues related to the natural resource values and uses of the public lands in question. These issues are expected to involve impacts on waters of the United States, riparian habitats, threatened and endangered species, drainage and erosion impacts, surface and groundwater quality and quantity, water rights, Gila River impacts, air quality, cultural resources, transportation, access to recreation areas, socioeconomic resources, Indian trust lands and assets, mineral rights, and other issues that may be identified during public scoping.

4. Disciplines to be represented and used to prepare the environmental impact statement: Hydrology, botany, wildlife, recreation, realty, range, economics, geology, and archaeology.

DATES: The kind and extent of public participation: Three public open house meetings have been scheduled to inform the public of this project and to obtain public input on the issues to be analyzed in the EIS. These meetings will be held in Safford, Tucson, and Phoenix at the following times and locations:

September 5, 1996, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., BLM District Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546

September 10, 1996, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tucson Main Public Library, 101 North Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701

September 11, 1996, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., BLM State Office, 3707 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.

Public input may be submitted during the public meetings or in writing to the address in the address section. Public comments will be accepted until October 12, 1996.

Complete records of all phases of the NEPA process will be maintained for public review at the Safford District Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the environmental impact statement should be submitted to Margaret Jensen, Gila Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Safford District Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Phelps Dodge, Inc., is planning to develop the Dos Pobres and San Juan copper ore bodies that are primarily located on private lands owned by Phelps Dodge, Inc. Phelps Dodge seeks to either acquire additional public lands in the vicinity of these ore bodies through the exchange process or utilize them for mining purposes under the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended. To this purpose, Phelps Dodge has proposed an exchange of land and submitted a MPO for the use of these lands to the BLM.

The 17,000 acres of public lands identified for exchange are adjacent to and surround approximately 20,000 acres of Phelps Dodge's private land. These lands have been selected by Phelps Dodge, Inc., to consolidate its land position, provide buffer areas for environmental compliance purposes, and accommodate development of future mining operations at Dos Pobres/San Juan and Lone Star ore bodies.

In exchange, Phelps Dodge, Inc., is offering approximately 5,000 acres of private lands that it owns for public acquisition. These lands possess resource qualities considered to be of significant value to the public, and have been identified for acquisition by the BLM.

The Dos Pobres/San Juan project would involve open pit mining of leachable copper ore and the construction and operation of a solvent extraction/electrowinning (SX/EW) process facility designed to produce about 200 million pounds of high-quality cathode copper per year when fully operational.

The proposed mining would involve conventional drill, blast, load and haul techniques. During project construction, employment is expected to average nearly 600 workers with peak employment reaching about 1,000 full-time jobs. Direct employment by Phelps Dodge during the life of the project is estimated at 300 to 400 full-time employees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Terry, Project Leader, or Mike McQueen, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546; telephone (520) 428-4040.

Dated: July 16, 1996.
Frank L. Rowley,
Acting District Manager.
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Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on August 16, 1996.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 16, 1996 in Hayden, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Lynda Boody, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3000; TDD (970) 244-3011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held at The Nature Conservancy's Carpenter Ranch, 13250 U.S. Hwy. 40 West, Hayden, Colorado 81639.

The agenda for this meeting will focus on general Council business, recently held public meetings on standards and guidelines for grazing, new business, and committee reports.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Public comment will be taken throughout the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.

Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: July 22, 1996.
Mark Morse,
Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.
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Notice of Realty Action: Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and public purposes conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land near Moapa Valley, Clark County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for conveyance for public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The Clark County Department of Public Works proposes to use the land for a solid waste transfer station.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 15 S., R. 67 E.,
Sec. 16: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Acreage: 160 acres.

The entire amount of land described will not be required for the transfer station, likely no more than a total of 10 acres. The exact location will be determined through survey and the excess parcels removed from classification and segregation. The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The patent, when issued will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and will be subject to: valid existing rights, if any.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108. Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except from conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal